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*The world accommodates you for fitting in,  
but only rewards you for standing out.*

—MATSHONA DHLIWAYO

## SNAPSHOT

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## Sexual assault and its impact on society

It has become the norm for us to get news of sexual assault almost every day. It creates a deep mental trauma—at least for me as a girl. It makes me uncomfortable and insecure whenever I step outside of my house. The dramatic increase of sexual assault in our society is responsible for this. I'm sure this is not just felt by me but by everyone who is concerned for themselves and their loved ones. The associated mental isolation can be dangerous as well as it stifles us without any of us even knowing. What solution is there for this?

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Thousands of suicides have been reported in Bangladesh every year. Murders, rapes, and accidents, are printed in the newspapers daily. Girls can't step out to look for a job in fear of rapists in shady offices. Bribes are frequently demanded in government

bodies such as passport offices and public hospitals. The youth who have just completed their higher education and are supposed to be earning, are taken advantage of and deprived of the chance to climb the ladder. Such a depressing scenario is what

leads to mental illness and suicide, among others. We need to take strict measures to help homogenise the unjust societal structure of our beloved country.

Reem Manzoor

## The scourge of an unequal society

## Student politics: An asset or liability?

The gruesome killing of Abrar Fahad at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) is tragic and completely unacceptable. No sentiment is enough to console his parents and dear ones. A dissenting view cannot ever be the "reason" for such a brutal murder. The guilty must be brought to justice after a thorough investigation.

Student politics has now become a business to make money and earn "fame" and is a haven for criminal activities such as extortion, hostage, question leaks, gang-culture, land grabbing, arms dealing etc. Once upon a time, student

politics was the pride of this nation and helped the country on the road to independence. It formed the foundation for the country's politics.

Currently, student politics can be likened to a cancer of educational institutions and is seriously detrimental to the quality of education. It is pertinent to ask whether student politics is an asset or liability for political parties? The government should address the matter urgently and put a stop to student politics for the greater good of education in the country.

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